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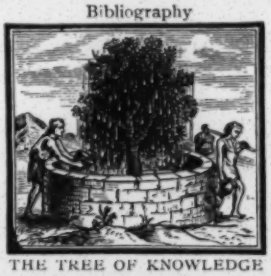

THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

'In Paradise the Tree
Of Knowledge was the pride;
By God's supreme decree,
The man who eat, then died.

But Heaven in mercy since
Does him who tastes forgive;
To know is no offence:
Now, he who eats, shall live.'

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The forme of the Oath.

YOu ſhall ſweare that all affection, favour, hatred, malice, or other ſiniſter reſpect whatſoever ſet apart, you ſhall preſent all ſuch perſons, as are, or late were of your Pariſh, as have committed any offence or are vehemently ſuſpected or defamed of any default mentioned in theſe Articles, having God before your eyes, and a due care of your conſcience. So help you God and the holy contents of this Booke.

I. Concerning the CHURCH and the Ornaments thereof.

IN primis, Whether haue you in your seuerall Churches and Chappels the whole Bible of the largest volume, and the Booke of Common Prayer of the last Edition both faire and decently bound.

2 Item, Whether haue you a decent Communion Table with Carpet, and linnen Table cloath thereto, and whether is it at any time prophaned by writing, counting money on it, or any other vncomely vsage.

3 Item, Whether is your Church or Chancell decayed or ruinous in the Roofe, Pauements, Wals, Glasse, or in any part else within or without.

4 Item, is the inside of your Church and Chancell decently whited and adorned with wholesome sentences of Scripture meete for the peoples meditation and instruction, as is required by law.

5 Item, Haue you a decent Fontstone, Pulpit, and reading Deske within the body of your Church; and is there a decent Surplice and Hood answerable vnto the degree of your Minister to officiate diuine Seruice in, and to administer the holy Sacraments?

6 Item, Haue you such Bookes in your Church as you are appointed by Authority to prouide scil. the booke of Homilies, Bishop Iewels workes, and the booke for the fifth of November?

7 Item, Whether is your Church and Chancell de-

cently and comely kept without nastinesse and slouenry, and is your Church-yard well fenced with a wall or pale to keepe out swine and other prophanation, and whether haue any prophaned Church or Church-yard by fighting, chiding, brawling, or keeping lay-meetings about secular businesse, as hath beene too frequently vsed?

8 Item, Whether haue you a Chest with three lockes and keyes for the stockes of the poore, and one other to lay vp the bookes and vestments appointed to be prouided; And whether haue you a Register booke in parchment for Christnings Weddings and Buryalls, according to the Cannon in that behalfe?

II. Concerning the Clergy.

1 IMprimis, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate distinctly and reuerently say diuine seruice on Sundayes, and Holy-dayes, and at other dayes appointed to be obserued by the booke of Common Prayer?

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister in the time of diuine Seruice and administration of the holy Communion constantly and duly weare the Surplisse and a hood, and obserue all other ceremonies appointed by the said book of Common prayer?

3 Item, Whether doth your Minister bid Holy dayes and fasting dayes, and giue warning before hand to the Parishioners for the receiuing of the Holy Communion, and whether doth he administer the same often or at least thrice in the yeare, whereof once at Easter, and whether doth he admit any to receiue but his owne parish, or repell any of them without just cause?

4 Item, Whether hath your Minister married any without a Ring, or without baynes published three seuerall Sundayes or Holy-dayes in time of diuine Seruice in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall abode, or in times prohibited, without licence or dispensation first had and obtained from lawfull authority, or haue married any at vnlawfull houres, or in his priuate house or other place saue within the Church?

5 Item,

5 Item, Doth your Minister refuse to bury any who ought to be interred in Christian buryall, or doth hee so bury those whom by law he ought not?

6 Item, Is he a lycensed Preacher, if not, doth he prouide monthly sermons according to the Cannon, and if he vse a Curate, whether is the Curate lycenced, to serue the cure by the Ordinary vnder his hand and seale, or not?

7 Item, Is your Minister resident continually on his benefice, and how long is he absent together at any time, and how doth he prouide for the seruing of his cure in such his absence?

8 Item, Doth your Minister instead of afternoone sermons, instruct and catechise the youth and ignorant persons of the Parish in the Lords Prayer, the Articles of the beliefe, and the ten Commandements, if not, by whose default is it, whether of himselfe or the Parishioners, and what are their names that so offend?

9 Item, Doth hee goe the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish at the dayes appointed by law?

10 Item, Hath your Minister stayed the publication of any Excommunication or suspension, or admitted any Excommunicated or suspended, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or other competent Judge?

11 Item, doth your Minister vse such decency in his apparell, and sobriety, and grauity in his conuersation, as is required by the Canons, or whether is he a hunter of Ale-houses, and frequenter of euill company?

12 Item, Whether doth your Minister duly and constantly visit the sicke, and whether hath he refused or neglected, hauing notice thereof, to come to them, or at the point of death?

III. Concer-

Concerning Parishioners.

1 IMprimis, Doth any of your Parishioners at any time (without lawfull excuse) abstaine from comming to Church on Sundayes and holy-dayes, or come late when seruice is begunne, or depart before the blessing, if so, what are their names that so offend?

2 Item, Doth any of your Parishioners irreuerently behaue themselues in the time of Diuine Seruice and administration of the holy Sacraments, not vsing the decent gestures sutable to the seuerall parts of the seruice, as they are appointed in the booke of Common Prayer, scil. do any refuse to kneele in time of Prayer, and to stand at the rehearsing of the Beleefe, and to continue vncouered during the whole time of seruice and Sermon.

3 Item, Hath any of your Parish disturbed the Minister in the Seruice or Sermon, or haue vsually slept in time of either?

4 Item, Doe all the Parishioners receiue the Communion at least thrice in the yeare, whereof the time of Easter to be one, and haue all being of the age of sixteene yeares, duly receiued or not?

5 Item, Haue any persons once lawfully married, forsaken each other, or doe liue asunder without the authority of the Ordinary, or haue any married at any lawlesse Church, or Chappell, without lawfull licence, or in the times wherein marriage is prohibited, scil. from the Saturday next before Advent Sunday vntill the foureteenth of Ianuary, from the Saturday next before Septuagesima Sunday, vntill the Munday next after Low-Sunday, and from the Sunday before the Rogation Weeke vntill Trinity Sunday.

6 Item, Hath any of your Parish vnreuerently vsed your Minister either in word or deed, or haue laid violent hands vpon him.

7 Item, Haue you any common resorters to your Church which are not of your Parish, and if so, what be their

their names and of what Parishes are they?

8 Item, Haue any in time of diuine Seruice opened their shops and exercised their trade, vsed any gaming, beene in Tauerne, or Ale-house or otherwise ill employed?

9 Item, Are there in your Parish any adulterers, incestuous persons, Fornicators, Bauds, or fauourers of them, or haue any conuayed such persons out of the Parish or vsed any indirect meanes to keep them from the due punishment of the law?

10 Item, Doe any refuse to pay to the reparations Ornaments and other things required in the Church as they are cessed by lawfull Vestry or meeting of the Parishioners?

11 Item, Haue all Women in your Parish deliuered of lawfull child, come at the time appointed after to giue thankes, and haue they beene churched according to the book of Common Prayer?

12 Item, Are there in your Parish any common swearers, drunkards, blasphemers, malicious slaunderers or any defamed of the said crimes?

13 Item, Haue any of your Parish giuen the Church-Warden or Sides men euill words for doing their office according to their oath and conscience, and what bee their names?

14 Item, Do all your Parishioners at the time of the Administration of the holy Sacraments of the Lords Supper draw neare into the Chancell, according as the Church expressely commandeth in that behalfe?

15 Item, Haue you any Schoolemaster within your Parish? if so, by whom is hee licenced, and is hee conformable to the Religion now established, and doth he breed vp his Schollars therein?

16 Item, Haue you a fit Parish Clarke able to read, and write, and are his and the Sertons wages duly payd,

without fraud or diminution according to the custome of the Parishioners; if not, set down the names of them that are in default.

IIII. Concerning Church-VVardens and Swornemen.

1 IMprimis, Haue any former Church-Wardens for fauour reward or any other sinister respect whatsoeuer omitted to present themselues or others for such misdemeanors as was iustly presentible: setting downe the names of them so offending and the particulars wherein they offended being mindfull of your oathes.

2 Item, Doe any within your Parish take vpon them the office of Church-Wardens or Sidesmen, which are not lawfully chosen by the Minister and Church-wardens, or doe continue in that office longer than one yeare, vnlesse they be chosen againe, and are all such officers yearely chosen in Easter weeke?

3 Item, Doe your Church-Wardens within one month after their yeare ended before the Minister and Parishioners giue vp a iust account of all moneys and other things they receiued, and bestowed and deliuer the residue with all other things remaining in their hands belonging to their Church and Parish by bill indented to bee deliuered to the next Church-Wardens.

4 Item, Hath any Church-Wardens at any time lost sold or detained any goods, Ornaments, Bells, or implements of the Church, or made any alteration without leaue from the Ordinary?

5 Item, Haue any of the Church-Wardens or others of their owne authority for ought you know, erected or set vp any new Pews or seates in the Church and assigned the vse of them to any other or vsed them themselues. What are the seats so set vp and to whose vse assigned?

6 Item,

6 Item, Is there any other matter or thing which you in your iudgment and conſcience know and beliue to be a breach of the Eccleſiaſticall law (though not comprehended in theſe Articles) and that any of your Pariſh haue therein offended, You are equally bound by your oath to ſet downe the names of ſuch offenders and the heads of their ſeuerall offences.

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